

Frank Shoemaker Marsh
 Bird Sightings
 1999 through 2004

Source: Larry Eineman, Important Bird Area (IBA) 2005 application to Nebraska Audubon

Common Bird Name	Season Month/Day/Year of Observation	Count Numbers	Notes	Source
Great blue heron	Fall		This heron is likely to be found later in the fall, especially in the bed of Little Salt Creek	Larry Eineman
Green heron			A fairly common to uncommon summer resident and possible breeder. <u>Counts taken throughout IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Wood duck			A fairly common summer resident and breeder, first coming into the area in late March and with a few lingering to mid-October. In 2002 and 2003 very few were observed due to the drought. The nesting source of ducklings is the cottonwood trees along Little Salt Creek and Frank Shoemaker Marsh with its stand of cottonwoods.	Larry Eineman
Green-winged teal			A common spring and fall migrant with some occasional over-wintering in Little Salt Creek. The ponds and creek beds in the area also attract small numbers of blue-winged teal, mallards, northern pintails, northern shovelers, American widgeons, redheads, lesser scaups, gadwalls, and buffleheads.	Larry Eineman
Northern harrier			A winter visitor occurring in small numbers from late August into March <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Red-tailed hawk			A fairly common year-round resident and breeder <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Ring-necked pheasant			A fairly common year-round resident and breeder <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
American coots			Fairly common migrants in the spring and fall <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u> A few may breed locally.	Larry Eineman

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Greater yellowlegs			An uncommon migrant during spring (late March to mid-May) and fall (August to mid-October) migration. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Lesser yellowlegs			A fairly common spring and fall migrant (late March to mid-May and from July to early October).	Larry Eineman
Solitary sandpiper			An uncommon local migrant from late April to early May and from late June to early September. Little Salt Creek is one of the consistent sites where this shorebird can be found	Larry Eineman
Spotted sandpiper			A fairly common summer resident and breeder. This species is found in small numbers along Little Salt Creek from May through August.	Larry Eineman
Least sandpiper			A common May and August and September migrant. During drought this species is likely to be found in Little Salt Creek west of Arbor Lake.	Larry Eineman
Red-headed woodpecker			An uncommon to fairly common summer resident and breeder, especially in the Frank Shoemaker Marsh area where tall cottonwood trees are found.	Larry Eineman
Northern rough-winged swallow	5-8-2004	7	A fairly common summer resident from late April through August and breeder in the banks of Little Salt Creek.	Larry Eineman
Cliff swallow			A common summer resident and breeder, especially in a culvert on north 27 th Street just north of Arbor Road..	Larry Eineman
Barn swallow			A common summer resident and breeder from May through early October	Larry Eineman
Sedge wren	5-8-2004 10-24-2004	1 1	An uncommon May migrant and August into October migrant with possible breeding occurring.	Larry Eineman
Marsh wren			A fairly common spring migrant (late April into May) and fall migrant (September into October) and possible breeder.	Larry Eineman

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Ruby-crowned kinglet			A fairly common spring migrant (late April to mid-May) and fall migrant (September and October), especially in trees around Frank Shoemaker Marsh.	Larry Eineman
Loggerhead shrike			An uncommon summer resident and breeder in area with arrivals coming in April and leaving by early fall. A few have been found overwintering several times over the years in the area one mile north of Frank Shoemaker Marsh.	Larry Eineman
Mourning dove			A common summer resident and breeder. A few generally overwinter. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Dickcissel			A common summer resident and breeder in the area arriving by mid-May and leaving by late August	Larry Eineman
American tree sparrow			A common winter visitor entering the area in late October and leaving by mid-April.	Larry Eineman
Clay-colored sparrow	5-8-2004	7	A fairly common May migrant becoming less common as a migrant in September and October.	Larry Eineman
Grasshopper sparrow			A fairly common migrant (late April and May) becoming less common in the fall. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Red-winged blackbird			A common to abundant summer resident and breeder, occurring in small flocks from 25 to 200 during migration in March and April and from September into October.	Larry Eineman
Eastern meadowlark			Fairly common to uncommon in area during the summer. Breeding occurs in the Frank Shoemaker Marsh area.	Larry Eineman
Western meadowlark	12-11-2004	51	A fairly common to common year-round resident and breeder. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman

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Great-tailed grackle	12-4-2004 12-31-2004	50 1	An uncommon to fairly common summer resident and breeder with a few overwintering.	Larry Eineman
Brown-headed cowbird			A common summer resident and breeder, occurring from April through September. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Orchard oriole	6-27-2004	4	A fairly common summer resident and breeder, especially along Little Salt Creek.	Larry Eineman
Baltimore oriole			A fairly common summer resident and breeder in the area, occurring from late April into early September. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman